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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senator
1700 Montgomery Street, Suite 240
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Senator Boxer:

This is in reply to your letter of May 11, 1994, on behalf of your constituent, Gerald T. Galvin, Chief of Police of Vallejo, California, who is interested in the implementation of Enhanced 911 (E-911) technology in the Personal Communication Services industry.

On September 23, 1993, the Commission adopted a Second Report and Order in GEN Docket No. 90-314 that established rules for new Personal Communications Services (PCS). In this Order, we urged the PCS industry and standards-setting bodies to "direct particular attention [to] offering an emergency 911 capability that would work with enhanced-911 systems (E-911) and, to the extent feasible, permit locating a caller in situations where the caller is unable to state his location." Also, we indicated that we were contemplating the initiation of a future rule making proceeding "to address E-911 and related issues with regard to PCS, cellular, and any other relevant mobile service."

In response to our Order, the Texas Attorney General's Office filed a Petition for Reconsideration requesting that we require PCS licensees to provide E-911 service as a condition of license, and that we require development of a single, uniform standard for PCS E-911 service. There were a number of comments filed in support of Texas' petition. Several companies expressed concern about the potentially significant added costs of providing precise E-911 location information, as well as the delays that an FCC mandate for providing such information could bring to PCS development.

We are carefully considering the Texas petition and the comments filed in response to it. Because of the importance of this issue, we are considering the initiation of a separate rule making proceeding later this year dedicated exclusively to the E-911 capabilities of mobile telephone services. Such a proceeding would allow us to fully address all regulatory aspects of E-911, and to develop the most fair and effective regulations possible. In the meantime, a joint industry group consisting of representatives from the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), and the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA), have been working to develop a common position on how PCS E-911 service should be implemented. We expect the results of those discussions to be filed with the Commission shortly.

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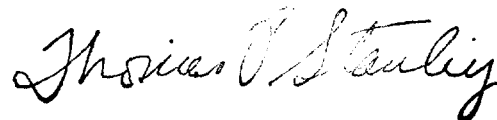
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The Honorable Barbara Boxer

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We appreciate your constituent's thoughts on this important topic and have added them, along with your letter, to the record in the PCS proceeding.

Sincerely,



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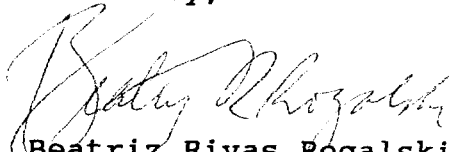
Dear Ms. Solheim:

Enclosed please find correspondence forwarded to Senator Boxer's office by State Senator Mike Thompson on behalf of Mr. Gerald Galvin, Chief of Police for the City of Vallejo.

Senator Boxer is forwarding the attached for your review and consideration. Any information you can provide in response to Chief Galvin's request will be most appreciated. Please respond to Senator Boxer's San Francisco office, Attn: Jordan Royer.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



Beatriz Rivas Rogalski
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Gerald Galvin, Chief
Vallejo Police Department
P.O. Box 1031
Vallejo, California 94590

Dear Chief *Galvin*:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding Personal
Communication Service for cellular phones.

The cellular industry is regulated by the federal government,
not by the state. Therefore, your concerns regarding
emergency calls placed from cellular units should be raised
with your federal representatives.

I have forwarded your correspondence to Senators Boxer and
Feinstein and to Congressman Miller and have asked that they
respond directly to you.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention, and
if I can be of further assistance on this or any other issue,
please contact my office.

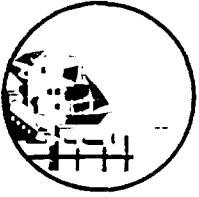
Sincerely,

Mike

MIKE THOMPSON
Senator, 2nd District

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cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
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GERALD T. GALVIN
Chief of Police

MAR 31 1994

March 29, 1994

Senator Mike Thompson
1530 Solano Avenue
Suite B
Vallejo, CA 94590

Dear Senator Thompson, *Mike*

I am writing to ask your support to provide a wireless service, Personal Communication Service (P.C.S.), that will ensure the safety of the user of that service. P.C. S. is about to become a reality and we in Public Safety have a concern for its ability to protect its user.

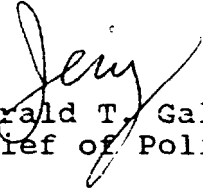
Enhanced 9-1-1 Service in California provides that calls are routed to the closest Public Safety Answering Point (P.S.A.P) for that location and then provides the P.S.A.P. with the location and phone number of the caller. This ensures a fast response time to emergency calls. In addition, if for some reason the caller is unable to speak, the P.S.A.P can still dispatch an emergency responder because the phone number and location of the caller is known to the calltaker.

9-1-1 calls on wireless services do not provide either the calling number or the location of the caller. This could have serious consequences. For example, you take your personal phone with you and go for a walk in the park. While a mile or so away, you become violently ill. You dial 9-1-1, but are unable to speak. The calltaker in your emergency center will have no idea where you are and, therefore, can not send medical assistance.

This is a national issue. Within 1-3 years this service will begin to seriously affect wired telephone service. People will remove their residence lines to reduce costs and use wireless and pay air time.

As my representative, I want you to request that the F.C.C. take the necessary steps to mandate the exact physical location of a caller that uses wireless services and to provide the same life saving capabilities as Enhanced 9-1-1 service now provides to our residential and business communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Galvin", written over the typed name.

Gerald T. Galvin
Chief of Police